

## CLAIMS

1. Bracket for holding a wire adjacent to a magnetic surface of a planar or non-planar configuration comprising:

a retaining member having a magnetic attracting end and a retaining end, with the retaining member shaped to accept the wire between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end, with the wire held adjacent to the magnetic surface of the planar or non-planar configuration and constrained between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end when the magnetic attracting end is held to the magnetic surface of the planar or non-planar configuration by magnetic force;

with the retaining member formed of a plastic material that is flexible to form a plurality of holding shapes to correspond to the magnetic surface of the planar or non-planar configuration; and

with the plastic material being sturdy to retain one of the plurality of holding shapes while holding the wire adjacent to the magnetic surface of the planar or non-planar configuration.

2. The bracket of claim 1 with the magnetic attracting end including a magnetic attractor to hold the retaining member to the magnetic surface of the planar or non-planar configuration.

3. The bracket of claim 2 with the magnetic attractor being at least one magnet.

4. The bracket of claim 2 further comprising, in combination: an adhesive securing the magnetic attractor to the magnetic attracting end of the retaining member.

5. The bracket of claim 2 with the magnetic attractor being two magnets.

6. The bracket of claim 1 further comprising, in combination: a magnetic attractor attached to the retaining end of the retaining member to hold the wire adjacent to the magnetic surface of the planar or non-planar configuration in cooperation with the magnetic attracting end of the retaining member.

7. The bracket of claim 6 with the magnetic attractor having a size different than the magnetic attracting end of the retaining member.

8. The bracket of claim 6 with the retaining member having an arcuate shape between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end, with the arcuate shape allowing the wire to be held between the retaining member and the magnetic

surface of the planar or non-planar configuration, with the magnetic attracting end and the magnetic attractor located intermediate the retaining member and the magnetic surface of the planar or non-planar configuration and with the wire constrained between the magnetic attracting end and the magnetic attractor when the retaining member is held to the magnetic surface of the planar or non-planar configuration.

9. The bracket of claim 6 with the retaining member having an axis extending between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end, with both the magnetic attracting end and the magnetic attractor having a length and a width, with the length being longer than the width, with both the magnetic attracting end and the magnetic attractor having an elongated magnetic force, and with the lengths and the elongated magnetic forces of the magnetic attracting end and the magnetic attractor being generally perpendicular to the axis of the retaining member.

10. The bracket of claim 1 further comprising, in combination: a groove formed in the retaining member between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end, with the groove adapted to engage the wire.

11. The bracket of claim 1 with the retaining member having an arcuate shape between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end, with the arcuate shape allowing the wire to be held between the retaining member and the magnetic surface of the planar or non-planar configuration, with the retaining end being free of attachment to the magnetic surface by magnetic force.

12. The bracket of claim 1 further comprising, in combination: a magnetic attractor attached to the magnetic attracting end of the retaining member, with the magnetic attractor adapted to hold the retaining member to the magnetic surface of the planar or non-planar configuration, with the magnetic attracting end including a cavity having a shape and a size to slidably receive and fit the magnetic attractor with at least a portion of the magnetic attractor being accessible outside of the cavity when the magnetic attractor is mounted and retained within the cavity, with the retaining member having an axis extending between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end, with the magnetic attractor having a length and a width, with the length being longer than the width, with the magnetic attractor having an elongated magnetic force, with the length of the magnetic attractor and the elongated magnetic force being generally perpendicular to the axis of the retaining member.

13. Bracket for holding a wire adjacent to a magnetic surface comprising, in combination:

a retaining member having a magnetic attracting end and a retaining end, with the retaining member shaped to accept the wire between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end, with the magnetic attracting end of the retaining member including a cavity; and

a first magnetic attractor attached to the magnetic attracting end of the retaining member, with the first magnetic attractor slidably fitted in the cavity in the magnetic attracting end of the retaining member, with the cavity having a shape and a size to receive and fit the first magnetic attractor with at least a portion of the first magnetic attractor being accessible outside of the cavity when the first magnetic attractor is mounted and retained within the cavity, with the first magnetic attractor adapted to hold the retaining member to the magnetic surface by magnetic force, with the wire held adjacent to the magnetic surface and constrained between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end when the magnetic attracting end is held to the magnetic surface by the first magnetic attractor.

14. The bracket of claim 13 with the retaining member further including a mounting surface on the magnetic attracting end, with the mounting surface contacting the magnetic surface when the retaining member is held to the magnetic surface by magnetic force, with the cavity being formed in the mounting surface of the magnetic attracting end of the retaining member.

15. The bracket of claim 13 further comprising, in combination: a second magnetic attractor attached to the retaining end of the retaining member, with the second magnetic attractor cooperating with the first magnetic attractor to hold the retaining member to the magnetic surface by magnetic force.

16. Bracket for holding a wire adjacent to a magnetic surface comprising, in combination:

a retaining member having a magnetic attracting end and a retaining end, with the retaining member shaped to accept the wire between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end, with the retaining member having an axis, with the axis extending between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end of the retaining member; and

a first magnetic attractor attached to the magnetic attracting end of the retaining member, with the first magnetic attractor adapted to attach the retaining member to the magnetic surface by magnetic force, with the first magnetic attractor having a length and a width, with the length being longer than the width, with the first magnetic attractor having an elongated magnetic force, with the length of the first magnetic attractor and the elongated magnetic force being generally perpendicular to the axis of the retaining member, with the wire held adjacent to the magnetic surface and constrained between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end when the magnetic attracting end is held to the magnetic surface by the first magnetic attractor.

17. The bracket of claim 16 further comprising, in combination: a second magnetic attractor attached to the retaining end of the retaining member, with the second magnetic attractor having a length and a width, with the length of the second magnetic attraction being longer than the width, with the second magnetic attractor having an elongated magnetic force, with the lengths and the elongated magnetic forces of the first and second magnetic attractors being generally perpendicular to the axis of the retaining member.

18. The bracket of claim 17 with both the first magnetic attractor and the second magnetic attractor having rectangular cross sections.

19. Bracket for holding a wire adjacent to a magnetic surface comprising, in combination:

a retaining member having a magnetic attracting end and a retaining end, with the retaining member shaped to accept the wire between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end;

a first magnetic attractor attached to the magnetic attracting end; and

a second magnetic attractor attached to the retaining end of the retaining member, with the first magnetic attractor being a size different than the second magnetic attractor, with the first and second magnetic attractors being adapted to hold the retaining member to the magnetic surface by magnetic force, with the wire held adjacent to the magnetic surface and constrained between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end when the retaining member is held to the magnetic surface by the first and second magnetic attractors.

20. Method comprising:

attaching a first magnet attractive fastener to a nonmagnetic surface;  
placing a wire adjacent the nonmagnetic surface and the first magnet attractive fastener attached to the nonmagnetic surface;  
constraining the wire within a bracket;  
magnetically attaching the bracket to the first magnet attractive fastener attached to the nonmagnetic surface while the wire is constrained within the bracket to hold the wire adjacent to the nonmagnetic surface;  
removing the bracket attached to the first magnet attractive fastener, with the first magnet attractive fastener remaining attached to the nonmagnetic surface;  
removing the wire from adjacent the nonmagnetic surface and the first magnet attractive fastener attached to the nonmagnetic surface after the bracket is removed from the first magnet attractive fastener;  
storing the removed wire and the removed bracket;  
replacing the stored wire adjacent the nonmagnetic surface and the first magnet attractive fastener attached to the nonmagnetic surface;  
constraining the replaced wire within the removed bracket; and  
magnetically reattaching the removed bracket to the first magnet attractive fastener attached to the nonmagnetic surface while the replaced wire is constrained within the removed bracket to hold the wire adjacent to the nonmagnetic surface.

21. The method of claim 20 with constraining the wire comprising constraining the wire within the bracket including a retaining member, with the retaining member having a magnetic attracting end and a retaining end, with the wire being constrained between the magnetic attracting end and the retaining end, with magnetically attaching the bracket comprising magnetically attaching the magnetic attracting end of the bracket to the first magnet attractive fastener.

22. The method of claim 20 further comprising attaching a second magnet attractive fastener to the nonmagnetic surface spaced from the first magnet attractive fastener, with constraining the wire comprising constraining the wire within a bracket including first and second magnetic attractors, with magnetically attaching the bracket comprising magnetically attaching the first magnetic attractor to the first magnet attractive fastener and magnetically attaching the second magnetic attractor to the second magnet attractive fastener.

23. The method of claim 20 with attaching the first magnet attractive fastener comprising driving a nail into the nonmagnetic surface.

24. The method of claim 20 with placing the wire adjacent the nonmagnetic surface comprising placing the wire in the form of Christmas light wires adjacent the nonmagnetic surface.